

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**MAJOR GENERAL
GEOFFREY C. LAMBERT**

Inducted 20 November 2016



Major General Geoffrey C. Lambert is a native of Inman, Kansas and was commissioned in the Infantry from the University of Oklahoma in 1973, having previously served as a Soldier on active duty from 1969 to 1971. His 40-year career in national defense-related activities includes service in the Army and the private sector.

His assignments include: Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Platoon Leader; Co. B, 75th Infantry (Ranger); Rifle Platoon Leader, Co. A, 2nd Battalion, 75th Infantry (Ranger); Detachment Commander, Co. A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group; Rifle Company Commander, 3rd Battalion, 5th Infantry; Instructor, Ranger Department; Assistant Operations Officer, 75th Ranger Regiment; Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group; Operations Officer, 7th Special Forces Group; Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group; Commander, 10th Special Forces Group; Commander, Special Operations Command Europe; Commander, Special Operations Command – NATO Implementation Force/Task Force Amber Star; Director of Operations, Plans and Strategy, U.S. Special Operations Command; Commanding General, U.S. Army Special Forces Command; and Commanding General, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

His experience in the U.S. Army Special Forces and 75th Ranger Regiment, coupled with the additional specialties of Foreign Area Officer and Civil Affairs, made him an expert in unconventional warfare, counterinsurgency and other irregular aspects of military operations. He led, planned or participated in reconnaissance, non-combatant evacuation and named operations on four continents, including coauthoring the plan that led to the 55-man advisory program in El Salvador that defeated the Communist-supported insurgency.

Maj. Gen. Lambert took command of the U.S. Army Special Forces Command a few days before 9/11, and was honored to serve with the men that drove the Taliban out of Afghanistan in less than 90 days; formed and led three successful task forces for the invasion of Iraq; executed nuanced counterterror operations in the Philippines; and continued to support ultimately successful counterinsurgency operations in Colombia.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College and the School of the Americas, Command and General Staff College. He holds a master's in Latin American studies from the University of Oklahoma and a bachelor's in history from McPherson College. He has written numerous articles for professional journals and one novel.

In 2004, Maj. Gen. Lambert left the Army to work in the private sector. He was a vice president for SAIC; a principal for Booz Allen Hamilton; and a consultant to CACI, Inc. In 2008, he became a member of Senator Obama's Senior Defense Working Group whose members included, among others, former Sen. Sam Nunn, Susan Rice (later U.N. Ambassador) and the late Richard Holbrooke. In 2010 and 2011, Lambert was the senior military member of a special operations funded team studying civilian casualties in Afghanistan and the Philippines.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), the U.S. Army Defense Service Medal and the German Golden Cross of Honor. He also has the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Special Forces Tab.

Maj. Gen. Lambert is married to the former Bonnie Brooks of Newport News, Virginia, and is the proud father of four children: Douglas, Candice, Sean and Austin.